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SUBJECT: FONMIN CHATTY EXPRESSES SUPPORT FOR GENEVA
CONFERENCE ON MIDDLE EAST

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1. FOREIGN MINISTER HABIB CHATTY BRIEFED MEMBERS OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY'S FOUR PERMANENT COMMISSIONS ON NOVEMBER 2 ON THE SIUTATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND ON THE RESULTS OF THE RECENT CAIRO AND RIYADH MEETINGS. CHATTY DESCRIBED THESE EVENTS AS IMPORTANT SUCCESSES OF TUNISIAN FOREIGN POLICY. HE FOLLOWED SAME GENERAL THEMES WHICH HE HAD MADE EARLIER IN HIS AIRPORT ARRIVAL STATEMENT ON OCTOBER 31 (SEE REFTEL), AND HIS REMARKS FOR MOST PART WERE NOT EXCEPTIONAL.

2. ONE NEW ELEMENT NOT COVERED IN ARRIVAL STATEMENT, HOWEVER, WAS CHATTY'S EXPRESSION OF STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE EVENTUAL REOPENING OF GENEVA CONFERENCE ON MIDDLE EAST. IN RESPONSE TO SPECIFIC QUESTION FROM THE FLOOR, CHATTY SAID THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO SAY NOW WHAT AN EVENTUAL SULTION WOULD INVOLVE. HE CONTINUED SAYING "IT IS POSSIBLE TO IMAGINE THE NEXT STAGE LEADING TO A SOLUTION, NAMELY THE GENEVA CONFERENCE, WHICH COULD RESULT IN NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAEL FROM THE SINAI, GOLAN AND TRANS-JORDAN ANF FOR THE CREATION OF A PALESTINIAN STATE. SUCH COULD BE THE FRAMEWORK OF THE

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NEXT STAGE SO THAT WAR CAN BE AVERTED AT LEAST FOR THE

MOMENT. CONSEQUENTLY, WE CAN ONLY CONCEIVE A PEACEFUL
POLITICAL SOLUTION THROUGH THE GENEVA CONFERENCE."

3. IN AN EARLIER APPEARANCE THE DAY BEFORE FULL
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, ALONG WITH PRIME MINISTER
AND OTHER GOVERNMENT MEMBERS, CHATTY RESPONDED TO WRITTEN
QUESTION FROM AN ASSEMBLY MEMBER ON FIREBOMBING OF
TUNISIAN UN MISSION ON OCTOBER 24. HE EXPLAINED EVENT AS
HOSTILE ACT OF EXTREMIST ZIONIST FORCES WHICH OPPOSE
TUNISIAN POLICY OF SUPPORT FOR PALESTINIAN CAUSE HE ALSO
ADDED THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAD ON THREE DIFFERENT
OCCASIONS EXPRESSED ITS REGRET FOR THE ATTACK.

4. CHATTY'S REMARKS WERE GIVEN PROMINENT COVERAGE IN
ALL TUNISIAN PRESS.
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